

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, UV, US

SUBJECT: REVERSE PREFERENCES

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 4807

1. ON DEC 14 THE VOLTAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ADOPTED BY DECREE A MEASURE ELIMINATING TRADE PREFERENCES TO EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (EEC) MEMBERS. THE IMPORT TAX, A STRAIGHT 5 0/0 ACROSS THE BOARD TAX FROM WHICH EEC MEMBERS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN EXEMPTED WILL NOW BE APPLIED TO IMPORTS FROM ALL COUNTRIES. THE STATISTICAL TAX (3 0/0) AND THE FISCAL IMPORT DUTY WHICH VARIES BY ITEM WILL STILL BE APPLIED AS THEY HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY WITHOUT PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TOWARDS THE EEC. BY REMOVING THE TRADE PREFERENCES, UPPER VOLTA HS MOVED IN LINE WITH THE OTHER ACP SIGNATORY MEMBERS OF THE LOME CONVENTION IN REMOVING DISCRIMINATORY TARRIF BARRIERS.

2. THE MEASURE IS NOT LIKELY TO GREATLY AFFECT THE VERY LIMITED VOLUME OF TRADE BETWEEN THE US AND UPPER VOLTA. ITEMS IMPORTED FROM THE U.S., MOST  
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NOTABLY HEAVY EARTH MOVING EQUIPMENT AND USED CLOTHING, WILL BE MARGINALLY CHEAPER ON THE VOLTAN MARKET. GRAHAM

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